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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 26, 2010) Firefighters from Suffolk Fire and Rescue, Holland Volunteer Fire Department, Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department and Virginia Department of Forestry continued to monitor this brush fire in the 7100 blk. of Gates Rd. throughout the weekend.

Since first reported on July 21, this fire has covered approx. 85 acres. Last night's rain had little impact on the fire.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 23, 2010) Fire crews worked through the night. A fire break was established around the fire to prevent spreading and the fire is currently limited to approx. fifty acres. Crews are continuing to monitor the fire lines and are returning to the site every two to three hours.

A haze and the smell of smoke is being experienced around the southern end of the city.

FIREFIGHTERS BACK ON SCENE OF WOODS FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 22, 2010) Suffolk Fire and Rescue, along with several volunteer fire departments, battled a woods fire for hours last night and have had to return today due to the fire rekindling. Last night at approximately 8:30, Units were dispatched to the

7100 block of Gates Road in reference to the smell of smoke. Upon arrival, firefighters observed the glow of fire in the woods but had to find a way to gain access to the area of the blaze.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue, Holland Volunteer Fire Department, Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department and Virginia Department of Forestry worked for five hours to control the blaze. The fire was contained to a fifteen acre area. Fire lines were plowed around the fire.

No structures were threatened and no one was injured. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

This afternoon units monitoring the lines discovered the fire had rekindled. Units from Suffolk Fire and Rescue are back on scene.

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